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REMARKS

The Office Action of November 14, 2005 has been carefully considered.

Applicant acknowledges the allowance of claims 26-28, representing alloys for which test results are available in the specification. Claim 26 has now been amended to clarify the claimed subject matter.

Claims 16-25 have been canceled, and withdrawal of the rejection of record is accordingly requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that the present application is now in condition for allowance. An early allowance of the application with amended claims is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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